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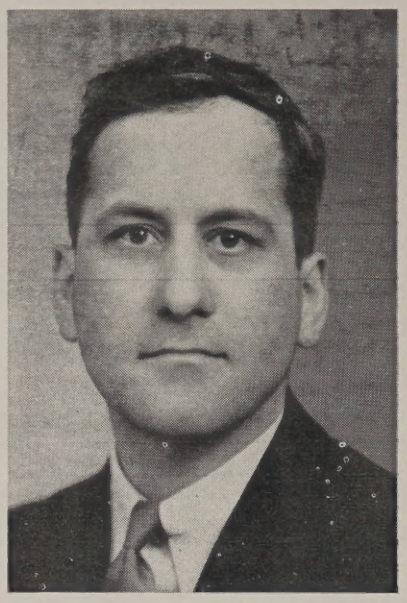

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Dedication

. . . We, the class of nineteen hundred forty one . . . do gratefully dedicate this, the fourteenth Centerika to Vernon Bontrager . . . in appreciation of his faithfulness in accompanying and providing transportation for our basketball teams for the past years . . .

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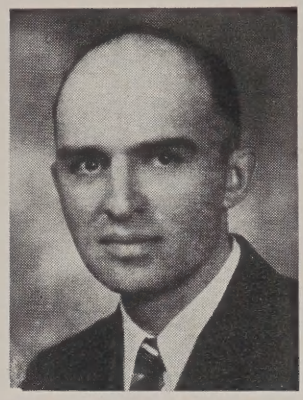

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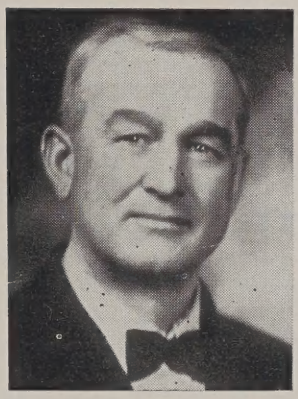

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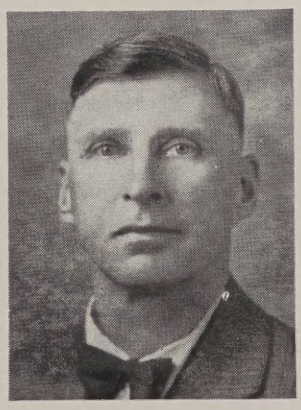

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Out of School Life Into Life's School

. . . We all recall that important first day we spent in the schoolroom. Many were the dreams and anticipations we had of those days until finally they were upon us. Since then years have passed all too soon and each year brought us closer to the goal . . . our graduation.

. . . It would take volumes to tell everything we have learned in the past years. Perhaps only a small part of this was gained through our acccess to books. Some of the most valuable things we have learned through observation and by our association with those about us. These things became a part of us and will remain with us always.

. . . Our education goes on although our school days are ended. As long as we live we will always find something new to add to our storehouse of knowledge. But knowledge gained in youth is more likely to stay with us . . . Honesty, thrift, perserverance, and respect for the rights of others should all be impressed on the child's mind in early years.

. . . We have learned that knowledge is worthless unless we know how to apply it. Now that we are ready to enter life's school, how many times we will look back to those happy, carefree days we spent in the schoolroom. May the lessons we have learned serve to help us over the rough places so that the school of life may deal more gently with us.

. . We will not lose courage when we have failures. We will smile when adversities come, and if fortune smiles on us we will be mindful of those in need. We will not think of life as a hard taskmaster . . . At the close of each day we shall feel that we have learned something valuable and have done some good deed that has helped lift the load of someone near us. As the day closes, we will have nothing to regret and will have learned the secret of success and happiness.

. . . "I shall pass this way but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."—B. Gilpin.

. . . A. R. H. '41

Editorials

American Citizenship

. . . Citizenship is the standing of a person who owes allegiance to the government in return for his political rights and privileges . . .

"God give us men! the time demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and
willing hands." . . . Holland

. . . Good cititzenship must be lived rather than learned Each of us will reach up to our own opportunities for services and deeds. A good American citizen should understand his government . . . In order to know about his government he should have an education. Lack of education does not make for good citizenship.

. . . A good citizen should obey all the laws of his country. If a person is convicted of a serious crime and put into prison he loses his citizenship rights. A good citizen is also loyal and patriotic. He has the privilege to criticize his government but should also respect it and appreciate what it has done for him.

. . . A good citizen should live peaceably with his neighbors. We must remember there are other people besides ourselves. We probably wouldn't last very long if we had nothing to do with anyone else. Community life is very important to us. In a true sense a family, a school, a church, a factory, or a nation is a community. An American community is made up of people who live and work together.

. . . If a home is the first community that we know, it will probably be most important also. Since we spend a lot of our time at home there must be ideals and habits formed whose influences will reach beyond the four walls of the house. We certainly should take into consideration the study of good citizenship in the making of a home.

. . . We, as students, should appreciate living in a country where education is free. We should be grateful to the persons who provide us with the opportunity of education, such as our parents, teachers, board of education and others. I am sure our education received at Center High School will enable us to be better citizens.

. . . N. E. M. '41

Senior Class

MYRTLE DARLENE GOSNELL

"Myrt"

What one has, one ought to use;
And whatever he does he should do with all his might. . . . Cicero

Typical Expression . . . Oh no you don't!

Favorite Pastime . . . Speaking and walking quietly.

Ambition . . . Telephone Operator.

ARLENE RUTH HOCHSTETLER

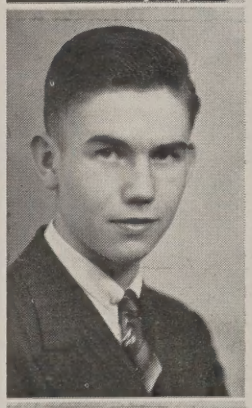
"Hostie"

By friendly deeds is friendship won;
If you want a friend you must be one.

Typical Expression . . . ? ? ? ?

Favorite Pastime . . . Getting A's in department.

Ambition . . . School teacher.



CLEO DANIEL DICKEL

"Dick"

There's joy a plenty to fill life's silver cup,
If you'll only keep the corners of your mouth turned up.

Typical Expression . . . Are you sorry?

Favorite Pastime . . . Talking about the girls.

Ambition . . . Carpenter.

EUNICE MARETA FLEMING

"Pansy"

An idea in the head, is worth two in the book.

Typical Expression . . . I've got my studies.

Favorite Pastime . . . Forgetting to study.

Ambition . . . School teacher.

Senior Class

CLIFFORD DWANE GROUT

"Cliff"

My tongue within my lips I rein,
For who talks too much, must talk in vain.

Typical Expression . . . Silence.

Favorite Pastime . . . Teasing the girls.

Ambition . . . Farmer.

NORA ELIZABETH MILLER

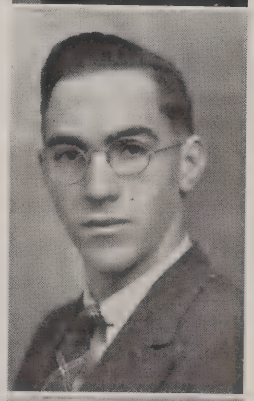
"Norie"

No question is ever settled until it is settled right.

Typical Expression . . . I don't know, right.

Favorite Pastime . . . Singing.

Ambition . . . Nurse.



DANIEL FLOYD BRENNEMAN

"Dan"

Life is not so short, but that there is always time
for courtesy.

Typical Expression . . . Hi, Toots.

Favorite Pastime . . . Behaving in schooltime.

Ambition . . . Automobile salesman.

DAVID HENRY BRENNEMAN

"Basil"

For any task seems worthwhile
To him who takes it with a smile.

Typical Expression . . . Aw—

Favorite Pastime . . . Studying Government.

Ambition . . . Aviator.

Class History

In the fall of 1937, four short years ago, ten freshmen were welcomed to Center High School in order to increase their knowledge. After several weeks Roselind DeFrance joined us and beginning the second semester Betty Jacob also joined us. The class officers were: Arlene Hochstetler, president; Daniel Brenneman, vice-president; Luva Yoder, secretary-treasurer. During the year members of the class took part in plays, basketball and declamatory.

The fall of 1938 found the same twelve students back for more studying. Members of the class again assisted in plays, basketball and declamatory. The class officers were: Daniel Brenneman, president; Myrtle Gosnell, vice-president; Betty Jacob, secretary-treasurer.

The beginning of our junior year found only eight pupils returning. Roselind DeFrance and Virgie Earnest dropped out and Luva Yoder and Betty Jacob enrolled at Wellman. The officers were: Myrtle Gosnell, president; Daniel Brenneman, vice-president; Clifford Grout, secretary-treasurer. We again assisted in the various school activities.

We began our last year of school with the same eight that finished the previous year. Arlene Hochstetler was elected president; Cleo Dickel, vice-president, and Myrtle Gosnell, secretary-treasurer. We presented the play "Holiday House" as our senior class play.

David, Daniel and Cleo each won letters in basketball during their school careers. Myrtle, Arlene Nora and Eunice participated in declamatory and were on the girls' softball teams that won the Johnson County championship the past two years. Nora and Eunice were also members of the music groups of the school.

Class Will

We, the senior class of Center Hi, realizing the time for our departure is at hand, hereby declare this to be our last and only will and testament to be made by us for the disposal of our school possessions.

We are sorry we have no extra girls to will to the juniors, for we realize they will need girls badly. But as we have none we will fill their next greatest need by willing them our superior mental and scholastic ability.

To the sophomores we leave our ability to answer questions in class without having read our lessons, hoping they can get as good grades as we did.

To the freshmen we will our ability to have a good time in schooltime, hoping they won't get caught as often as we did.

As individuals we leave the following . . .

Eunice leaves her intelligence to George. She realizes he is greatly in need of this for he would rather visit with his neighbors than study.

Clifford leaves his ability to get along with the girls to Robert Yoder. He hopes Robert appreciates this enough to make use of it.

Cleo wills his giggle to Kathleen in the hope that she will master it better than he has.

Nora leaves her slimness to Dorothy Jean in hopes that it will get her through as many tight places as it has her.

Arlene wills her dimples to "Chris" hoping this will make the girls notice him.

David wills his grin to Cleese, hoping it will add to his charms.

Daniel wills his ever empty wallet to Arthur in hopes that he can keep it filled.

Myrtle wills her ability to chew gum in schooltime without being caught to Robert Schlabaugh. Good luck, Robert!

(signed) Senior Class

Witnesses:

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Class Prophecy

The roses were in full bloom several weeks early. The year was 1960 and the place the Frytown Greenhouse . . . Myrtle always did love flowers so immediately after graduation she opened a greenhouse in Frytown. On this particular morning she was seen walking along her bed of roses with a sprinkling can in one hand and a newspaper in the other. She was sprinkling the flowers and reading the headlines which stated that David Brenneman, a noted scientist, had just returned from Saturn in his stratoplane. Myrtle decided to make a trip at once to round up her old classmates.

The next morning she boarded a Joetown Rocket where Daniel was operating a hotel. David stayed there between flights. The hotel covered four blocks. The twins were ready at once to go on a trip to visit the others, so off they went in David's stratoplane.

First they called on Cleo and Cleopatra's Three Ring Circus on the outskirts of Sharon Center. They arrived only to find that in order to see Cleo they had to purchase a ticket first. Cleo knew his business principles learned as business manager of the Centerika.

The first side show they came to found Nora Miller as the fat lady. She dropped the snake she was playing with and came to talk to the visitors. And Nora used to be afraid of a mouse! Nora had gained four hundred and eighty, making her total five-eighty!

Cleo presently stepped up. He was surprised indeed and thanked all for their patronage.

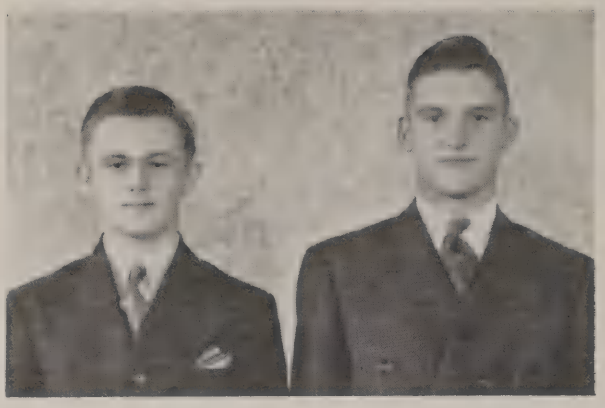
The three travelers resumed their journey and found Clifford a noted lawyer in Washington, D. C. He had just appeared before the supreme court in a law suit in behalf of Cleo. Rumors were flying around that Clifford was to run for president in 1960.

Eunice was found to have just returned from a hunting trip to the Belgian Congo. This was her way of relaxing after solving murder cases.

Arlene was found on an estate on the Potomac. She and her husband were operating a girls' school. The girls of her school had won the softball championship of the United States in 1959 and were planning a trip abroad for exhibition games. Arlene played on Center's championship teams in 1939 and 1940.

After locating all the members they decided on a trip to Mars. Cliff wanted publicity, David wanted to show off, Daniel wasn't to be left behind, Cleo wanted to see the world, Nora thought she might lose a few pounds, Eunice thought diversion good, Myrtle wanted a thrill, and Arlene wanted to study astronomy.

P. S. They were supposed to be back before now!



Bernard Hershberger, John Miller

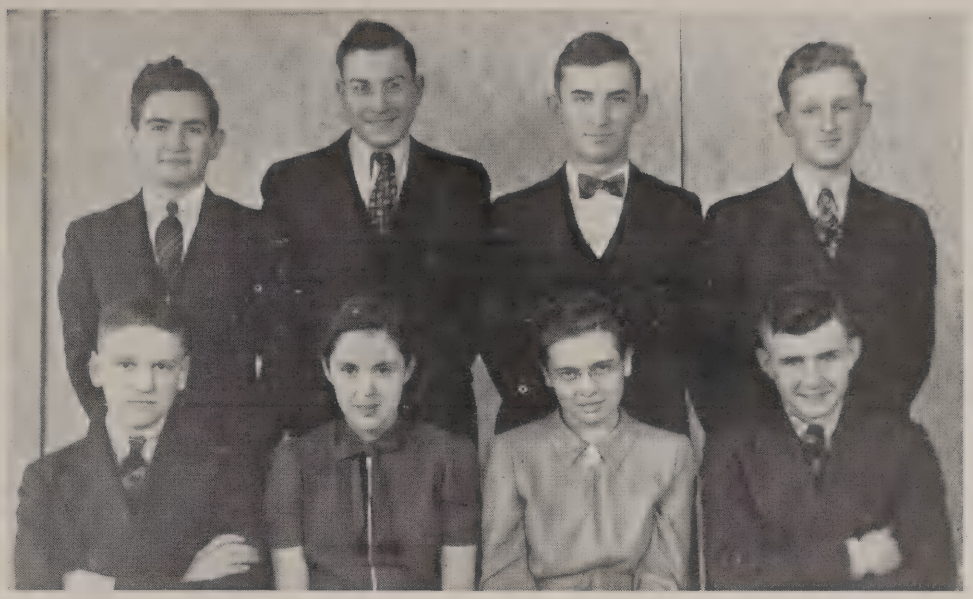
Junior Class

. . . The class of '42 entered Center High School on August 28, 1938. Bernard Hershberger, Edwin Moore and John Miller enrolled on that date. About a week later Velma Bontrager joined the class. We all took part in declamatory and Bernard participated in athletics . . .

. . . In the fall of 1939 there were only the three boys left, Velma having changed schools. Bernard was interested in declamatory and won first in humorous. Benny and Curly both went out for softball and basketball. Our class helped put on the freshman-sophomore play later in the year . . .

. . . In the fall of 1940 only two boys returned to Center. This time Edwin Moore left for Hartwick leaving only John and Bernard. Bernard again entered declamatory and John helped present the play "Sonny-Jane." Bernard again went out for basketball, and won his third letter. John served his third year as student manager for the team . . .

. . . J. W. M. '42



Front Row—Lester Kempf, Merle Fleming, Jean Christner, Howard Gosnell.
Back Row—Arthur Yoder, Bill Swartzendruber, George Johnson, Robert Yoder.

Sophomore History

. . . On August 28, 1939 ten freshmen entered the halls of Center High in search of more knowledge. The first few days were spent in getting acquainted. After several more days passed we elected the class officers for the year. They were: president, Bill; vice-president, Lester; and secretary-treasurer, Arthur. In the fall several members of our class took part in the all high school play, "Back Again, Home Town." Bill and Robert also took part in the senior play "Cyclone Sally" . . .

. . . This year Verda Hershberger and Lester Moore failed to return thus leaving only eight in our class. Class officers were: president, Lester; vice-president, Junior; secretary-treasurer, Howard. Several of our members took part in the play "Sonny Jane." Our class is well represented in basketball with five members . . .

. . . R. K. Y. '43

Front Row—Geneva Spicher, Dorothy Jean Yoder, Mary Jane Burns.
Second Row—Dale Hochstetler, Irene Brenneman, Beulah Dickel, Willard Christner.
Back Row—Robert Schlabaugh, Kenneth Hershberger, Cleese Gosnell, Wayne Lantz, Kathleen Yoder.

Freshman History

. . . On August 26 thirteen freshmen decided to take a four year automobile tour across the country of education. Our class decided to place Kenneth at the steering wheel and Kathleen at the gearshift lever. Irene was placed at the throttle and Dale was to watch all the traveling expenses. The rest of the class was installed in the after-compartment as back seat drivers. We were accompanied by Mr. Swartzendruber and Miss Thomas who were to be our guides . . .

. . . During our first year of traveling we stopped to let several members of our class take part in the two all high school plays: "Sonny Jane" and "Don't Darken My Door." Different members of our group also took part in the declamatory contest . . .

. . . So far we have enjoyed our trip immensely in spite of a few hard days of traveling over rough ways. We hope we will enjoy the remaining three years as much as we have this . . .

. . . K. J. Y. '44

Seated—Eunice Fleming, Merle Fleming.
Standing—Nora Miller, George Johnson, Irene Brenneman, Kathleen Yoder, Arlene Hochstetler, Robert Yoder, Bill Swartzendruber, John Miller, Myrtle Gosnell, Bernard Hershberger.

Dramatics

"Sonny Jane"

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Peggy Foster, who runs the Foster boarding house ..... Nora Miller
Lucille Brander, a pretty neighbor ..... Kathleen Yoder
Pansy, slowest hired girl in the world ..... Eunice Fleming
Mrs. Amelia Spitzendorf, three times married and willing to try again .. Myrtle Gosnell
Ruby Wade, who is engaged in newspaper work ..... Merle Fleming
Nancy Wade, an unexpected visitor ..... Irene Brenneman
Sonny-Jane Marquard, the little miss who started the war ..... Arlene Hochstetler
Charles Mitchell, the enemy ..... Bill Swartzendruber
Sam Streck, enemy number two on whom Mrs. Spitzendorf has designs .. Robert Yoder
Larry Randolph, enemy number three ..... John Miller
Joe Martin, who aspires to be metropolitan ..... George Johnson
Freddie Beadle, the sheik of Orchard Center ..... Bernard Hershberger

Sonny-Jane Marquard starts a real war when Charles, Larry, and Sam Streck come to Orchard Center to squelch her. She pulls the wool over their eyes with the help of Lucille, Pansy and Joe by passing as Ruby Wade. She is nearly caught several times but in the end they realize they had no business picking on an innocent girl and Sonny-Jane decides Charlie isn't so bad after all and she has the opportunity to boss him the rest of her life.

M. D. G. '41

Mary Jane Burns, Robert Schlabaugh, Kathleen Yoder, Myrtle Gosnell, Cleese Gosnell, David Brenneman, Nora Miller, Geneva Spicher.

Don't Darken My Door

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Roger Kent, a bachelor	David Brenneman
Rosemary Kent, his romantic niece	Kathleen Yoder
Tom Garrick, Rosemary's persistent suitor	Robert Schlabaugh
Poppy Foster, maid of all work	Myrtle Gosnell
Alec Stubbins, Poppy's devoted swain	Cleese Gosnell
Jane Perkins, a writer of romances	Nora Miller
Louisa Featherstone, Susie Featherstone — Maiden laidies	Mary Jane Burns, Geneva Spicher

When a girl reads too many romances, what chance has a mere man to win her? Rosemary wanted a lover like the one in "Hearts Aflame," and she had no time for Tom. Her admiring maid, Poppy, felt the same way and poor Alec, the gardner, was in despair over Poppy's sudden coldness. The author of the book appears and immediately sets about repairing the damage, composing romantic speeches for the men to make a hit with the girls. As the end nears, Tom and Rosemary elope, Poppy and Alec are in love and Jane and Roger are married.

M. D. G. '41

David Brenneman, Clifford Grout, Cleo Dickel, Eunice Fleming, Myrtle Gosnell, Daniel Brenneman, Nora Miller, Arlene Hochstetler

Holiday House

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Bradley Hunter, fisherman deluxe ..... Daniel Brenneman
Janet Hunter, the fisherman's wife ..... Arlene Hochstetler
Jasper Oxenrider, who has a wishbone complex ..... Cleo Dickel
Minnie Oxenrider, who runs Jasper ..... Myrtle Gosnell
Clarabelle Oxenrider, who wants to get married ..... Eunice Fleming
Paula Parson, who has just been married ..... Nora Miller
Pete Parson, Paula's husband ..... David Brenneman
Buck Hamerstein, Clarabelle's current prospect ..... Clifford Grout

Bradley Hunter and his attractive wife, Jan rent Holiday House, a summer cottage on the shores of a northern lake with a triple purpose . . . to have a vacation of peace and quiet, to give Brad a chance to recover from a nervous breakdown, and to do some fishing.

Many things conspire to keep them from achieving their purposes. Jasper collects wishbones from defunct fowls, Clarabelle is in the midst of a love affair with Buck, the champion flagpole sitter, and Pete and Paula Parson think they will have Holiday House to themselves for a honeymoon. All cause a great agony to Brad and Jan.

M. D. G. '41

Seated—Merle Fleming, Robert Yoder, Myrtle Gosnell.
Standing—Mary Jane Burns, Nora Miller, Bernard Hershberger, Eunice Fleming, Dorothy Jean Yoder, Kathleen Yoder, Geneva Spicher.

Declamatory

Ten Center High students participated in the annual declamatory contest. The winners of the home contest participated in the county contest. The Center students received three second places in the county contest which was held at Center.

In the home contest the winners were as follows . . . Oratorical: Robert Yoder, first; Eunice Fleming, second; Dramatic: Myrtle Gosnell, first; Eunice Fleming, second; Humorous: Merle Fleming, first; Nora Miller and Kathleen Yoder tied for second.

ORATORICAL . . .

The Big Parade	Eunice Fleming
Alaska: Land of Mysteries	Robert Yoder

DRAMATIC . . .

Priscilla	Eunice Fleming
Stout Fella	Merle Fleming
Penny	Myrtle Gosnell

HUMOROUS . . .

Sister in the Medicine Closet	Mary Jane Burns
Brothers In Love	Merle Fleming
Billy Goes Out for Dinner	Bernard Hershberger
Brothers Take a Bow	Nora Miller
Mother Will Help	Geneva Spicher
Ignorance Is Bliss	Dorothy Jean Yoder
Junior's First Date	Kathleen Yoder

M. W. F. '43

Front Row—Geneva Spicher, Dorothy Jean Yoder, Eunice Fleming, Nora Miller, Kathleen Yoder, Merle Fleming.
Second Row—Bernard Hershberger, Bill Swartzendruber, Robert Yoder, John Miller, Kenneth Hershberger.

Music

"Let me go where 'ere I will,
I hear a sky born music still;
It sounds from all things young,
From all that's fair, from all that's foul,
Peals out a cheerful song."

. . . Emerson

When we studied this poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson in American Literature class we were arrested with the thought that in everything there is music if we only look for it.

"Music is love in search of a world" and "Music is harmony and harmony is love" are thoughts of the poet Sidney Lanier.

Again we realize that if people would look for and hear the music of simple things perhaps the world would not be such a place of horrible conflict. When we look about we can realize that it is not the simple folk who hurt the world but it is they who hear not the music and word of God and the love of their fellowmen on earth who destroy humanity.

Hence, we pupils at Center High School are learning to look for music, harmony, love, and happiness wherever we go. By doing so we hope to make the world more beautiful and bright.

E. M. F. '41

Bill Swartzendruber, George Johnson, Cleese Gosnell, Cleo Dickel, David Brenneman, Arthur Yoder, Daniel Brenneman, Clifford Grout, Kenneth Hershberger, Wayne Lantz, Bernard Hershberger, Howard Gosnell, Lester Kempf, Robert Schlabaugh.

Basketball

The basketball schedule was larger this year than it has been for several years. This was due to the fact that we joined the Old Capitol Valley League. Twelve of our games were league games. In league play we won four and lost eight. Chief interest of the season was a victory over Sharon, the first in many years.

Game Results

VARSITY

Center 19	Alumni 15	Center 27	Sharon 26
Center 19	Sharon 23	Center 28	Nichols 40
Center 37	Shueyville 17	Center 31	Riverside 34
Center 33	Alumni 22	Center 37	Atalissa 29
Center 24	Cosgrove 31	Center 24	Springdale 25
Center 24	Conesville 22	Center 32	Cosgrove 30
Center 26	St. Mary's 32	Center 28	Lone Tree 41
Center 12	Solon 38	Center 50	Shueyville 20
Center 15	Oxford 32	Center 21	Tiffin 44

Won 8 Lost 10 Percentage .444

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Center 26 Lone Tree 33

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Center 17 Cotter 30

SECONDS

Center 20	Sharon 11	Center 10	Sharon 20
Center 28	Shueyville 9	Center 20	Nichols 28
Center 9	Cosgrove 18	Center 11	Riverside 17
Center 25	St. Mary's 20	Center 17	Atalissa 11
Center 21	Solon 23	Center 18	Cosgrove 16
Center 15	Oxford 14	Center 18	Lone Tree 5
Center 19	Tiffin 27	Center 28	Shueyville 17

Won 8 Lost 6 Percentage .571

Major letters were awarded to Arthur, Howard, Bill, Bernard, Daniel, Cleo and David. Minor letters were awarded to Wayne, Cleese, Kenneth, Donald, Robert S., George and Lester. A minor letter was also awarded to John as student manager.

D. H. B. '41

Seated—Beulah Dickel, Jean Christner, Kathleen Yoder, Nora Miller, Myrtle Gosnell, Dorothy Jean Yoder, Arlene Hochstetler, Merle Fleming.
Second Row—Willard Christner, Kenneth Hershberger, Arthur Yoder, Bernard Hershberger, Lester Kempf, Dale Hochstetler, Robert Schlabaugh, Wayne Lantz.
Back Row—Robert Yoder, David Brenneman, Cleo Dickel, George Johnson, Bill Swartzendruber, Cleese Gosnell, Daniel Brenneman, John Miller.

Kamera Kids

The Kamera Kids club was organized for the interest of those who wanted to learn more about the use of cameras. During the year meetings were held at which the purpose of the different parts of the camera were discussed. We also learned some of the fundamentals in finishing pictures. A dark room was fitted up under the stairway. A dark room outfit and supplies were purchased and various students developed films and printed pictures at a cost just sufficient to cover materials. The event of most interest was a picture contest conducted near the end of the school year. Results are not yet available but indications are that it will be a worthwhile undertaking. Judging from the new cameras and the number of films processed, the club was a great success.

Officers were elected as follows . . .

President — Arlene Hochstetler

Vice-President — Bill Swartzendruber

Secretary-Treasurer — Lester Kempf

An All American

What do we mean by being "An All-American"? First, let us apply this to our school work. "An All-American" wants to get his lessons well, and to get them on time. He will not just skim through them, hoping that the teacher will not find it out. After all, he knows that he's hurting only himself when he does that. In the years to come, America will need more men who know something, men who can dig for themselves; and school is one of the best places to learn this.

Another place to practice "All-Americanism" is on the playground, or around other people. "An All-American" does not want to be boss all the time. Neither does he expect to be first in everything. He is willing to stand back and give the other fellow a chance. "An All-American" is fair in his play as well as in his work. America needs men who are fair.

"An All-American" is patriotic. He wants to do something for his country. He knows he can do things other than fight for his country. Obeying laws is doing something for his country. It lessens crime and accidents. Caring for public property helps his country. His government has given many public parks and such things. It is his duty to care for them.

"An All-American" loves his country and his flag. Did you know that the American flag is worth more today than any other flag? Foreign spies have tried to steal our flag to hang on some of their buildings or ships so that they would not be destroyed.

Sir Francis Scott Key wrote his song "The Star Spangled Banner" after looking out into the morning and seeing our flag still flying in the breeze. This meant that America was still the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Let's help keep it this way by being "An All-American"!

M. J. B. '44

Who's Who at CHS

Brenneman, David, alias Basil, captain of the basketball team.

Brenneman, Daniel, alias Butch, the other half of the twins.

Brenneman, Irene, freshman vice-president, honor, roll, the quietest girl in school.

Burns, Mary Jane, freshman, honor roll, the loyal little Irish girl.

Christner, Jean, sophomore, artistic seamstress, has a smile for everyone.

Christner, Willard, freshman, honor roll, the only boy who doesn't like girls.

Dickel, Beulah, freshman, the round-faced freshie liked by all.

Dickel, Cleo, senior, the goat of all practical jokers.

Fleming, Eunice, senior, honor roll, Pansy, the one and only "Toots" in the crowd.

Fleming, Merle, sophomore, honor roll, the girl with the literary aspirations.

Gosnell, Cleese, freshman, alias Driller, the slowest person alive.

Gosnell, Howard, sophomore, alias Howdie, the bright-eyed boy who controls the heart beat of many a gal.

Gosnell, Myrtle, senior, alias Myrt, alias Dinah, secretary-treasurer of the senior class.

Grout, Clifford, senior, alias Maynard, alias Stonewall. He may be slow but he's steady.

Hershberger, Bernard, junior, alias Benny. The bashful boy who's so quick in bookkeeping.

Hershberger, Kenneth, freshman, alias Kenny, honor roll, the cause of all the rivalry between the freshman girls.

Hochstetler, Arlene, senior, alias Hosty, editor of Centerika, honor roll, president of camera club.

Hochstetler, Dale, freshman, treasurer of freshman class.

Johnson, George, sophomore, vice president, the one person who can never feel missed.

Kempf, Lester, sophomore, alias Squire, class president, secretary-treasurer of camera club, the hard luck boy of 1940-41.

Lantz, Wayne, freshman, the freshman minus his tonsils.

Miller, John, junior, alias Jackson, vice president, A number 1 janitor.

Miller, Nora, senior, assistant editor of Centerika, the slimmest girl of C. H. S.

Schlabaugh, Robert, freshman, alias Bob, alias Rueben, the freshman camera hound.

Spicher, Geneva, freshman, the girl who has such a sweet smile for all.

Swartzendruber, William, sophomore, alias Bill, assistant editor of school news, high scorer of basketball team.

Yoder, Arthur, sophomore, alias Art, co-captain of basketball team for next year. You can tell him by his southern drawl.

Yoder, Dorothy Jean, freshman, a real friend of all.

Yoder, Kathleen, freshman, class vice president, honor roll, the first blonde of C. H. S.

Yoder, Robert, sophomore, alias Bob, honor roll, our red cheeked whirlwind.

M. W. F. '43

Please Don't
We Celebrate
The Quints
JRS
Snowy Ride
Bobs
Ping
Pong
Pigtail Day
County Champs
Huddle
Champs? Naw!
Study !!
Benny
Cram Session
Just Boys
Ready ?

Sophomore Similies

Spring fever is like a Ford, one doesn't feel like doing anything. One lags around the house, since one is too lazy to move or work. A Ford also lags around like a man with spring fever.

A. Y.

Spring fever is like an animal in hibernation. Also it is like a dormant door, swinging only when it has to. People who catch this disease are never seen doing strenuous or unnecessary work.

W. S.

Spring fever is like a contagious disease. It is like paralysis creeping up on you and taking away all ambition. It seems as though it were the lull before the storm. It catches a person unaware like a cat. It has different symptoms like the flu and has a variety of results like the measles.

M. F.

Spring fever is like hay fever. It comes every year just as Santa Claus does. When one should be working he is lying around like a bear in hibernation. This is very monotonous.

G. J.

Spring fever is like a contagious disease because it spreads very rapidly. It causes people to become tired or ambitionless. The best cure for such a disease is to sleep until one feels "fit as a fiddle" to start work. The disease usually lasts long enough to make a person feel foolish.

R. Y.

Spring fever is like a contagious disease. One likes to watch other people work, but he, himself, is fond of the shade seeking habit. One good thing a person gets out of spring fever is catching up on sleep and obtaining more knowledge from the daily newspapers. The best cure is to wait until winter comes.

J. C.

Spring fever is like the life a lazy negro leads. It gives you the feeling that doing nothing is fun. It makes work seem impossible.

L. K.

Spring fever is to hay fever as day is to night. There are times when hay fever is monotonous as spring fever is tiresome. Both make you feel dull.

H. G.

Informal Letters

Kalona, Iowa
March 26, 1941

Dear Betty,

This is the most beautiful spring day of 1941. The blue sky with large fluffy clouds floating through it seems to recall to my mind a vivid incident, which will go down as history in the diary of Center High School. It was a surprise party for our English teacher, Miss Thomas, who was married in June.

Miss Thomas treated us all to candy bars one day, so, we students, wishing to be just as nice to her, planned to surprise her. And surprise her we did. For nearly three weeks we carefully made plans for the party only to have them interrupted by the weather. We set the date of the party for a week later. The day arrived and our hearts beat with anxiety for that evening, to our disappointment, we learned that Miss Thomas was going to her home in North English. Our hopes vanished for now the party would be delayed longer. Mrs. Swartzendruber, realizing what distress it would bring to us, cleverly planned a way in which to keep our teacher from going home. And so after many days of planning we were able to have our party. Was Miss Thomas surprised! She stood and stared at us for a moment not knowing whether it was real or whether she was dreaming. We had fun, of course, but today the after effects of the party are showing on all the pupils' faces. We will probably go to sleep before the day is over.

Write soon and tell me all about what has been happening to you.

Your cousin
Kathleen

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Kalona, Iowa
March 26, 1941

Dear Ardis,

Are you still journeying to school each morning; how do you like it? Yes, I'm still in school, struggling with algebra problems and enjoying it. Isn't it great that we have schools and are able to attend them? Since our chief tools in school are books, I'll tell you how I feel about them. Some books are to me as friends while others are as enemies. These so-called "enemy" books may be compared to soldiers who use camouflage to hide themselves. They look safe on the outside while under the cover they are dangerous and harmful. My schoolbooks and many others, are my friends. I would appreciate a letter from you giving your opinion on this subject.

Sincerely
Irene Brenneman

Myrt
Spectators
Norie
Nutz !!
Jack
Basil
Bowlegs
Cliff
Twins
Can We Win?
Girls' Champ
Waiting
First and Ten
Pals
Strike ONE
Driller
Pansy
Action
Hasty
Flychaser
Dick

Reminiscences

In the loneliest part of a small Tennessee valley stands a desolate, forsaken house. Its small green shutters hang limply on their hinges and the creaking old door stands open. Inside this house cobwebs may be seen anywhere. A musty odor fills the house. Its walls and ceilings are stained with the rain which seeps through the cracks everytime it storms. An old fireplace in the far corner shows signs of crumbling.

This house was not always so unhappy for years ago it had spent many a happy day watching and sheltering an old man, his wife, and four curly headed children. Those were happy days and the old house would often smile to itself as it watched this happy little family. Its roof and windows were always decorated with roses. But since then the family moved to town and left the house alone in the valley. If one listened closely he could often hear the house sigh or sob as it looked at its tattered doors and windows, all the time thinking of the happy days gone by.

You won't let your house be sad, will you?

K. J. Y. '44

On Graduating

On May the fourteenth a great event will take place in the lives of eight people. An event for which they have toiled four years and to which they have looked forward with great anticipation. To them, in their fancies, it was to be a great day, a sunshiny, flower bedecked, gloriously happy day—a day when labor and realities would cease and life would begin. These were their dreams.

Reviewing the four year's course, would any of us have believed then that our dreams would soon be forgotten, that life did consist of reality? That inevitable day draws nigh. Some will be glad, others will regret the ending of the course. On that morrow we are our own. Do any of us know what responsibilities, what troubles, what happiness, joy, or sorrow that we shall have to face? We have prepared to live. Soon our preparation period will be over. A question comes up—Are we prepared enough to bear life's burdens?

For my part, I am glad that the course is ending. On the morrow our opportunity comes to help others to more of life's abundance. Surely if each of us can remember that our lives were lent for noble deeds, we can be glad for the commencement. Should we aim for success? Shouldn't we aim more for serving humanity? If we can find joy in helping others, surely life cannot be so great a problem as we might have thought.

I also regret the course's ending. I remember my great-grandfather saying when I was a very small child, "These are the young years of your life and they are the best, so make the most of them." On the day when I receive by high school diploma, childhood has ended. No more can I dream for pleasure, no more can I dream of great palaces and courtyards, no more can I dream of long travels, of visiting my ancestral land—beautiful Ireland. My childhood has ended.

At the present America stands on the verge of a great crisis. But America has a far greater problem on her own back door than the political problems which form an international puzzle. America must moralize her people. If one looks around him, he may well see that the American people are too flippant, too emotional and impulsive. They let their liberties lead them in "the way of the world." They lack a good backbone. No longer do you hear boys hoping to grow up to be president of the United States. Instead, they want to grow up to have fun. The question is: Can democracy stand without someone backing it up and can it remain for people who care little for it, other than that they can do as they please, without it demoralizing the rest of the world?

It is a point we must vitally consider. We are eight. If we can go into the world of tomorrow, not for getting along alone, but rather to help humanity, then, aren't the sacrifices made for our education worthwhile?

E. M. F. '41

George takes off
All Hands on Deck
Mount Point
The scene is finished
Bob gets a silhouette.
Just Two
NEM
Kenneth
Are you sorry?
John tries an experiment.
Oops! Where's my head?
Waiting
As Usual
An Hr-ital
Neeq Ear muffs??
Fast Action
Two and One
Picture Day
Self Portrait

IN MEMORIAM

. . . To the memory of the first alumnus of Center High School to pass away, a friend of all young people, a successful and beloved teacher of our public schools, a community citizen, a young man faithful to his ideals, to the memory of Donald W. Fry we sincerely dedicate this section of the Centerika . . .

Alumni

CLASS OF '31

Frederick Beard has joined the ranks of the married. Mrs. Beard was the former Miss Roberta Schmitt. They live in Iowa City where Frederick is employed as a salesman for the Cook Motor Company. Remember how Fritz used to argue about automobiles?

Paul Beard is living on a farm two miles north and one mile west of Center after having lived near Hills for some time. Paul is still a farmer at heart. They have one daughter Jane Luan.

Martha Swartzendruber is dividing her time between helping her mother do the housework and pinning turkeys at the Maplecrest Turkey Plant.

Leona Swartzendruber Burkholder has taken up the duties of a housewife on a farm near Frytown.

Leona Liebe has been helping her mother the past year.

Dr. Lloyd Fry, who has been at Duluth, Minn., the past three years is now in Little Rock, Arkansas where he is district veterinarian. He is a government meat and dairy inspector. He and his wife, the former, Miss Lorna Haight, moved to Arkansas in January. They have twins, Karen Ann and Sharon Jan.

Charles Semler is enrolled in an osteopathic school in Kirksville, Missouri. This will be his last year there. He is married to Vera Fry and they have one daughter, Corrine.

Emily Slaubaugh Blosser and her husband live on a farm near South English which they have purchased. They have two sons, Marcus Eugene and John David.

Victor Hess is another tiller of the soil. He and his wife live on a farm near the home place. Does he have any political pull? Look at the nice road which has replaced the ? ? ?? which formerly passed by there.

Lloyd Bender is farming at home too. He has a son, Lloyd Earl, Jr.

Clifton Gingerich is helping his father with the duties of the farm and working for the Maplecrest Turkey Farms.

CLASS OF '36

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Wertz and son Larry are living at Roy Bontrager's. Lynn is helping Roy with his farm work. He still has his auto harp and still sings and plays.

Donald Fry was the first Center High School Alumnus to pass on. He died at the Mercy hospital in Iowa City following an appendectomy.

Woodrow Liebe left his job as trucker for Harry Jacob to enlist in the regular army for three years. He enlisted on March 25 and is now at Fort Des Moines.

Doris Schlabaugh is working at home at present.

Karl Miller completed his four years work at Goshen College and is now employed in the steel mills at Archibald, Ohio.

Eldon Swartzendruber has been employed on his father's farm since graduation. He still gets out for Center activities—even plays basketball sometimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Elman Bontrager are living west of Frytown at present. They plan to move later in the spring. He has been teaching school the past four years. Their marriage in Nebraska was the surprise event of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yordi are now living at Bismark, North Dakota.

CLASS OF '40

Helen Slaubaugh attended the summer session at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls and taught a rural school near Wayland the past year. She seems to enjoy being a "school marm."

Raymond Moore is employed on a dairy farm. His address is Seven Springs Farm, Muscatine, Iowa. I wonder if he has found anyone who will listen to his stories which began—"Did I ever tell you about the time I was in the army"—and then go on endlessly.

Alberta Jane Hinckley continued her studies at S. U. I. Since her schedule included classes on Saturday, she didn't get home as often as before.

After starting her college career by entertaining the mumps Carley June Erb began working in earnest and liked college as she found it at Goshen, Indiana.

Mary Ellen Swartzendruber and Ada Brenneman roomed together and attended Washington Junior College at Washington, Iowa. They spent the week-ends at their homes and were often seen at Friday evening functions at C. H. S.

Fall Festival

The morning of October 5, 1940 dawned bright and clear for our twelfth annual Fall Festival at Center High School. The events of the day were a turkey dinner, grade school exhibits, a colt show, grade school program, races and softball and basketball games. The turkey dinner was served to about five hundred.

Lincoln School won the first prize for the best grade school exhibits. Mr. Snyder, county superintendent, judged the fine display of grade school exhibits while Mrs. Stoner of North English judged the fancy work and baked goods.

In the afternoon the nine schools of this township and Willow Grove and Hardin township presented a program in the high school assembly. A township softball tournament was held in the afternoon and won by Hickory Grove.

The Colt Show was ably managed by Frank Gingerich, Lewis Swartzendruber and Ray Yoder.

Oyster Supper

The annual oyster supper sponsored by the school board was held on March 14. About 100 people came out for the affair despite bad roads. The evening was spent in visiting both before and after eating all the oysters anyone wanted. After the supper letters were awarded to members of the basketball teams for their work the past year. Music was furnished by the AC band. Mr. Swartzendruber also showed some moving pictures taken around the school. Special interest was manifest in the pictures taken at Fall Festival time. A number of personal scenes were also shown. This was a fine opportunity for patrons of the school to meet their school neighbors.

GRADE SCHOOLS

Again we say WELCOME to the grade schools of our township. We are glad to include you in this section of our CENTERIKA. We sincerely believe that the future of our nation rests secure if our schools contribute their share to the good of our country. May our schools ever be free to teach facts as they exist, teach things that make useful people more useful, things that add cultural power, that make worthwhile men of the coming generations.

BRUSH NUMBER 1

Front Row—Lila Mae Schrock, Marvin Dickel, Leroy Schrock, Dale Venzke, Donald Dickel.
Back Row—Dellis Schrock, Dorothy Graper, Mildred Gosnell, Raymond Venzke, Mill Haller, teacher.

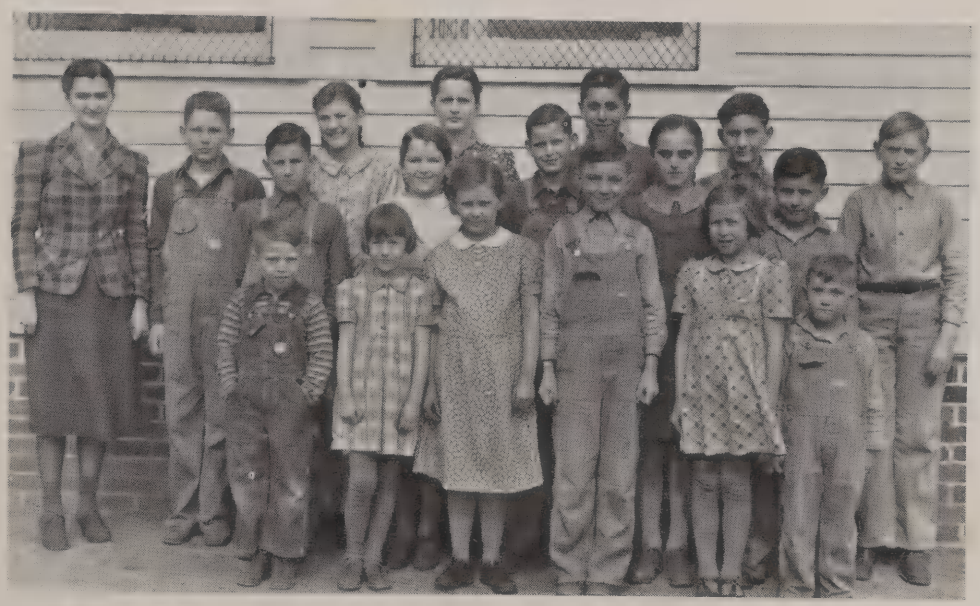
OAKLAND NUMBER 2

Front Row—Oscar Johnson, Anita Kennel, Gilbert Yoder, Jeanette Kennel, Gene Miller, Ruby Kempf, Darlene Johnson, Norman Kennel.

Second Row—Duane Miller, Eldon Kempf, Herbert Grout, Ruby Hochstetler, Marvel Kinsinger, Delbert Snyder, Dwayne Johnson.

Back Row—Alvin Kempf, Ruby Snyder, Nellie Snyder, Shirley Fleming, Arlene Brenneman, Emmagene Kempf, Ruby Kinsinger, Mrs. Bode, teacher, John Snyder.

WOODLAND NUMBER 3



Front Row—Gordon Schlabaugh, Anneta Kennel, Dorothy Showalter, Elwood Swartzendruber, Janette Kennel, Gene Bender.

Second Row—Maynard Eash, Gladys Yoder, Lowell Brenneman, Orthella Kinsinger, Donald Showalter.

Back Row—Goldie Miller Bender, teacher, Elwood Yoder, Betty Jean Eash, Audrey Brenneman, Vernon Kinsinger, Maynard Yoder, Cleo Gingerich.

HICKORY GROVE NUMBER 4

Front Row—Keith King, Carley June Eash, Jimmy Eash, Lowell Erb, John Edward Schlabaugh, Mary Ellen Hershberger, Junior Whetstone, Donnabel Spicher.

Second Row—Paul Hershberger, Glenn Hershberger, Samuel Spicher, Donald Eash, George Eash, Arlene Eash, Annabel Christner, Stanley Miller.

Back Row—Marjorie Yoder, teacher, Evelyn Eash, James Hershberger, Carolyn Rodgers, Nyle Jones, John Hershberger, Doris Reber, Ada Christner, Dwight Schlabaugh.

CENTER NUMBER 5

Front Row—Jakie Schrock, Jimmie Hershberger, Elvin Dale Yoder, Iva Hochstedler, Glennis Hershberger.

Second Row—Hobert Yoder, Everett Jay Hershberger, Marilyn Brenneman, Rosamond Hochstedler, Lores Brenneman, Homer Lantz.

Back Row—Mary Powell, teacher, Freddie Schrock, Darrel Augustine, Shirley Hershberger, Donald Swartzendruber, Marjorie Yoder.

LINCOLN NUMBER 6

Front Row—Dean Spicher, Leslie Hochstetler, Ervin Miller, Raymond Spicher, Eunice Yoder, Doris Gnagey, Barbara Swantz, Albert Yoder.
Second Row—Elva Hochstedler, Rita Jean Frey, Amelia Swantz, Ida Fern Miller, Elva Miller, Rueben Yoder, Freeman Miller, Edwin Miller, Lewis Swantz, Orlin Hochstetler, Wesley Hochstedler.
Third Row—Lydia Yoder, Wanda Rhodes, Pauline Gingerich, Lydia Mae Hochstedler, Ellen Hochstedler, Ruth Hochstedler, Levi Miller, Cleo Gnagey, Clifford Gingerich, Luke Yoder.
Back Row—Arvilla Gingerich, Mary Bontrager, teacher, Fannie Swantz, Susie Miller, Marjorie Rhodes, Margaret Rhodes, Truman Miller, Allen Gnagey, Robert Rhodes, Wilson Swantz.
Not in picture—Paul Yoder, Paul Hochstedler, Cora Hochstedler, Donald Hochstetler, Ida Gingerich, Roger Hochstetler and Alta Fern Hochstedler.

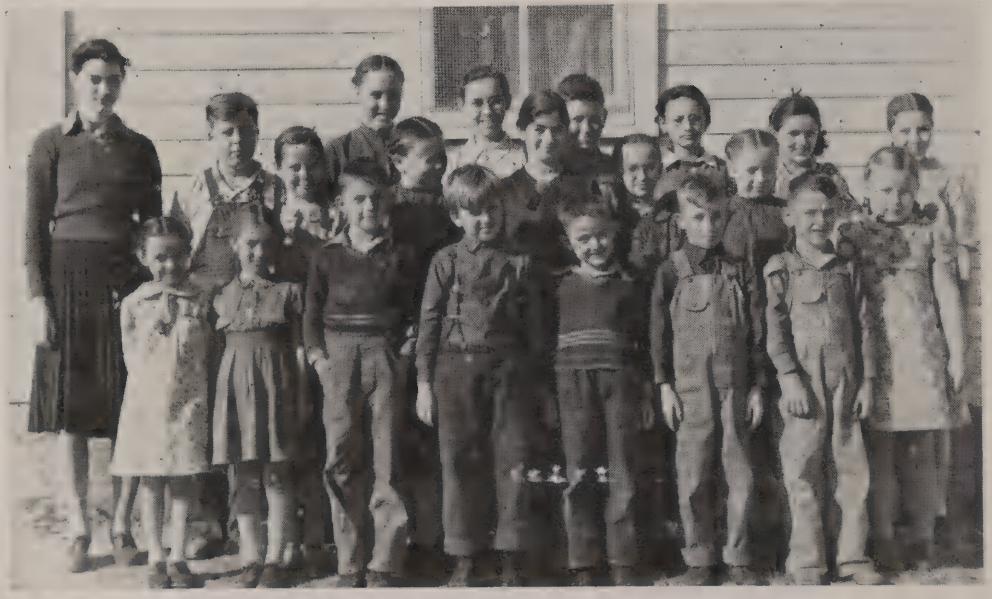
PRAIRIE DALE NUMBER 7

Front Row—Wallace Bontrager, Ora Miller, Paul Miller, Owen Miller, Darlene Miller, Eldora Miller, Donna Belle Miller, Delores Miller, Anna Mae Miller.
Second Row—June Hochstetler, Marvin Bontrager, Quinten Miller, Cletus Miller, Leroy Brenneman, Ernest Miller, Vera June Yoder, Elnora Miller, Sam Wittmer, teacher.
Back Row—Junior Hochstetler, Lloyd Miller, Emil Yoder, Daniel Miller, Ruby Miller, Nita Miller, Barbara Miller, Mary Miller, Monroe Miller.

BRUSH NUMBER 8

Front Row—Rex Gingerich, Robert Yutzy, Daniel Miller, John Louis Miller, Jessie Hochstetler, Arlin Miller, Harold Troyer, Bessie Woods, Arlene Doolin.
Second Row—Morris Doolin, Edwin Miller, Paul Yutzy, Harold Woods, Marion Yoder, Donald Troyer, Wava Troyer, Virginia Ann Brenneman, Donna Gean Gingerich.
Third Row—Levi Miller, Henry Miller, Paul Miller, Marjorie Yoder, Fred Yutzy, Vida Miller, Helen Marner, Beatrice Gingerich.
Back Row—Wilbur Troyer, Orval Miller, Wallace Marner, Ferne Yoder, Robert Yoder, Phylis Jeanne Lienneman, Junior Miller, Lois Troyer, Anna Miller, Carrie Swartzendruber, teacher.
Not in picture—Lois and Wallace Brenneman.

PACIFIC NUMBER 9



Front Row—Magdalene Steckley, Myrna Kinsinger, Duane Semler, Paul Miller, Harold Semler, Russell Miller, Junior Fisher.
Second Row—Mertice Brenneman, Mary Jane Miller, Marilyn Kinsinger, Glennis Steckley, Esther Miller, Ardith Brenneman.
Back Row—Shirley Erb, teacher, William Swartzendruber, Vesta Miller, Lois Steckley, Robert Fisher, Mary Lois Swartzendruber, Hazel Marner, Wilma Swartzendruber.

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Robert Y.: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O.
Mr. S.: What do you mean?
Robert: Why, you said it was H to O.

Timing

A Chinese had a toothache and phoned a dentist for an appointment.

"Two-thirty all right?" asked David.

"Yes," replied Cleese. "Tooth hurtee, all right. What time do I come?

Related

"Dale, I wish you'd learn better table manners; you're a regular little pig at the table."

Deep silence on Dale's part. So Cleo, in order to impress him more added, "Do you know what a pig is?"

"Yes, sir," replied Dale meekly. "It's a hog's little boy."

Sky Hooks?

Nora: (to pilot) You'll bring me back safely, won't you?

George: Have no fear, madam, I've never left anyone up there yet.

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Robert S.: Teeth.

Mr. S.: Teeth? What kind of an organ would that be?

Robert: Grind organ.

Janitor

Miss Thomas: What do you mean, saying Benedict Arnold was a janitor?

Wayne: Well, the book says that after his exile, he spent the rest of his life in abasement.

Spirit of '76

Don Woods: See that drum? My great-grandfather used it in the Revolutionary war.

Cleese: Yes, and I suppose he beat it when he saw the enemy.

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Coward

Daniel: Why do you prefer blondes?
John: Don't tell anybody, but I'm afraid of the dark.

At the Bottom

Miss Thomas: Everyone must learn by beginning at the bottom. There are no exceptions to this rule.
Willard: None at all.
Miss Thomas: No.
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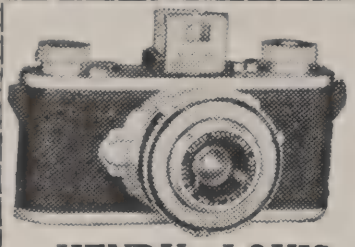

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Jean: What is it?
Merle: A check for a year's subscription.

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Clifford (judge in traffic court): I'll let you off with a fine this time, but the next time I'll send you to jail.
Bernard: That's exactly what I predicted.
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